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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinji MIWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2624

Application No.: 10/816,831

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For: IMAGE PROCESSOR, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 13, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,137,903 to Dichter in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,110,597 to Goldsmith and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,348 to Kaye (claim 10 also appears to be rejected under this rejection); and rejects claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Dichter in view of Goldsmith and Kaye further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,819,805 to Usikov. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 13 and 15 were amended in the previous Amendment filed May 1, 2008 to recite "corrects the color tone of each of the correcting images." The present Office Action acknowledges that Dichter and Goldsmith do not disclose or suggest the additional features added to the claims in the previous Amendment. However, the Office